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importance in the history of our late war, and to correct, if possible, some errours, which had already made their appearance, at least in two respectable histories of the times. He is permitted, by the politeness of the gentlemen above mentioned, to publish the following, in confirmation of what he has said.

' *Havre de Grace, Sept.* 13, 1817.

' DEAR SIR.—Agreeably to your request, several of your friends here have perused the account of the conflagration of Havre de Grace in the fourteenth number of the North American Review. The circumstances of that event are still fresh in our recollection. The impressions produced by a scene in which we were so deeply interested, and which was the cause of serious injury to many among us, cannot be easily eradicated, and we have no hesitation in saying, that your account is calculated to give a very correct and impartial view of that transaction.

' With respect, &c.

MARK PRINGLE,
SAMUEL HUGHES,
PACA SMITH,
WILLIAM B. STOKES.

Abstract of meteorological observations for August and September, taken at Cambridge. By Professor Farrar.

		Barometer.			Thermometer.		
		7 A.M.	2 P.M.	9 P.M.	7 A.M.	2 P.M.	9 P.M.
August	G.	30.19	30.18	30.18	75	87	76
	M.	30.959	29.924	29.93	65.11	77.27	65·07
	L.	29.73	29.69	29.68	51	57	50
September	G.	30.27	30.26	30.29	74	87	70
	M.	29.940	29.932	29.957	58.13	69.85	57.79
	L.	29.47	29.45	29.65	41	56	41

Whole quantity of rain in August 2.48 inches—in Sept. 2.72.

Abstract of meteorological observations, taken at Brunswick. By Professor Cleaveland.

August, 1817.

Mean monthly temp. from three observations each day	66.63°
do. do. do. from maxima of heat and cold	64.80
Greatest heat - - - - -	90.00
Greatest cold - - - - -	40.50°
Mean height of the Barometer	29.904 in.
Greatest monthly range of do.	.530
Quantity of rain	2.350
Days entirely or chiefly fair	16
do. do. do. cloudy	15

Directions of the winds in proportional numbers, viz.
S. W. 24.—S. E. 5.—N. E. 5.—N. W. 4.—W. 3.—S. 3.—N. 2. Prevailing forms of the clouds, *cumulus* and *cirrocumulus*. Lightning on the 15th only, during the month.

September, 1817.

Mean monthly temp. from three observations each day	61.35°
do. do. do. from maxima of heat and cold	59.84
Greatest heat	85.00
Greatest cold	30.50
Mean height of the Barometer	29.907 in.
Greatest monthly range of do.	.600
Quantity of rain	2.150

Directions of the winds in proportional numbers, viz.

S. W. 8—N. W. 5.—N. E. 2.—S. 2.—N. 1.—E. 1.—S. E. 1.

Prevailing form of the clouds, *cumulus*. Lightning on the 10th, 11th, and 27th.

Extreme states of the Thermometer in the University in Lexington, Kentucky, during the months of June, July, and August, 1817. By Professor Bishop.

Thermometer exposed to the sun.

10 o'clock A. M.

Highest June	21st, 80°	July 30th, 82°	August 18th, 80°
Lowest	30th, 70	3d, 70	11th, 14th, 71

4 o'clock, P. M.

Highest June	16th, 28th, 86°	July 31st, 90°	August 18th, 95°
Lowest June	18th, 70	2d, 70	24th, 70

Thermometer in the shade.

10 o'clock, A. M.

Highest, June	21st, 77°	July 30th, 82°	August 7th, 77°
Lowest,	19th, 30th, 68	17th, 69	24th, 60

4 o'clock, P. M.

Highest, June	28th, 84°	July 30th, 81°	August 20th, 81°
Lowest,	19th, 30th, 71	2d, 70	27th, 66

OBITUARY NOTICE.

Died, in New Orleans, August 23d, **Charles Henry Bruce**, Esq. formerly of Boston.

In the death of so young a man as Mr. Bruce, the community generally feel little concern. Few opportunities have been offered at so early an age for asserting the claims which may be possessed on publick confidence and respect. The character, if fully formed, has not had means to exercise and display itself; and, though the loss of a mind which has given proof of the power and the disposition to be useful, is as great and real as if some of its value had already been shown, such proof can have come to the knowledge of but few, and the number of mourners is in proportion. But in that sacred circle where the domestick affections find their home,—where all the holds on happiness are concentrated, and upheld, and enshrined,—there is no season of life when the stroke of bereavement inflicts so severe a wound. The ambitious aspirations of unexperienced strength,—the active maturity of just formed character,—the manly glow of comprehensive generosity, as yet unquelled by the